

## EXTENSION OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF EMBIE R. BOSTIC

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Embie R. Bostic as he is recognized for his outstanding achievements and humanitarian contributions to the community by the Ecclesiastes Lodge No. 120.

Embie R. Bostic is a dedicated citizen of the city of Cleveland where he was born and raised. He is a member of St. John A.M.E. Church where he has been a Steward for the past fifteen years. Embie embodies a strong faith and belief in God and will eagerly tell anyone his personal belief that "we should treat one another as we desire to be treated, and each day we need to rededicate our lives to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

In November of 1998, Embie received an award for Employee of the month from the city of Cleveland for his commitment to responsibility and going beyond the call of duty. Embie Bostic is dedicated to his family, job and community. He gives of himself to the fullest in every endeavor. He eagerly shares the knowledge of his profession with the students of the public school systems on their career day in addition to holding story hours with some of the younger students. Embie Bostic entertains the students as well as illustrates moral principles and character.

Mr. Embie R. Bostic is an outstanding and inspirational individual. It is an honor for me to acknowledge his notable accomplishments and achievements among my distinguished colleagues.

**COPS AND METRO ALLIANCE CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL ACTION**

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 1999*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to recognize the 25th anniversary of the founding of an organization that changed the political landscape in San Antonio, across Texas and the Nation. From the alleys of San Antonio's poorest South and West Side neighborhoods, people of faith and conviction came together a quarter century ago to form Communities Organized for Public Service, or COPS.

COPS, and later its sister organization, Metro Alliance, entered the scene at a time when the largely minority, poor communities of San Antonio did not have a voice at the table. Frustrated by inaction, and worse by a lack of attention from the establishment leadership,

COPS and Metro Alliance became the voice of the unheard, the mouth of those who were ignored.

COPS and Metro Alliance draw their strength from the people and institutions that make up the local neighborhoods: churches, schools, and other community-based organizations. We hear a great deal of talk today about the need for faith-based groups to take responsibility, but the truth of the matter is that COPS and Metro Alliance long ago accepted that challenge. The result has been a thousand victories, each one building on the last, with more than 40 religious congregations working together.

COPS first set out to repair the imbalance in distribution of funds for city improvements. They rightly demanded that poor neighborhoods deserved flood control and street improvements. Later COPS fought in the battle to bring single-member districts to San Antonio, helping end the legacy of a system that did not adequately seat minorities, who by this time were a majority of the local population, at the table of power.

In recent years, COPS and Metro Alliance, recognizing that education is the cornerstone of any future success, focus their energies on job training and early childhood education. Project QUEST and the San Antonio Education Partnership are models for improving the lives of communities one person at a time.

The positive impact of these organizations reaches far beyond the banks of the San Antonio River. By joining with the Industrial Areas Foundation, sister groups began to spring forth across Texas, and then other areas of the country. From city to city, the basic principles were established—that local communities could organize themselves to create a political force that could not be ignored.

Today, similar organizations exist in Dallas, El Paso, Houston, the Rio Grande Valley, and communities in New Mexico, Arizona, Louisiana, Nebraska, Iowa, and southern California. On November 7, delegates from each of these areas, some 5,000 in number, will convene in San Antonio to celebrate 25 years of successful political action on behalf of the less fortunate. Their work has improved the living and working conditions of countless thousands of low- and moderate-income families.

All my colleagues in the House of Representatives should be proud of the work performed by COPS, Metro Alliance, and their sister organizations across the country. Ordinary people doing extraordinary work is the best way to describe them. I am proud to share in their accomplishments and look forward to years of future growth and success.

"WATER 2000"

**HON. DAVID D. PHELPS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 1999*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Hamilton County Water District and to bring attention to the "Water 2000" celebration taking place on November 12, of this year, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in McLeansboro, Illinois. The Hamilton County Water District will be the first water district in Illinois, and one of the first in the nation, to supply all rural residents who desire water during the year 2000.

Prior to the formation of the Hamilton County Water District in 1978, the population centers in that region had treated waters, but the rural residents depended upon wells, cisterns, or ponds as a source of water. The Hamilton County Water District realized this inequity, and pushed forward to supply these residents with suitable drinking water on par with their more urban counterparts. In the coming year, the final "Water 2000" expansion by the Hamilton County Water District, will complete a total 350 miles of water mains that will serve 1,230 rural customers. Funding for these various expansions include U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Economic Development Association, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Rural Bond Bank.

Mr. Speaker, I am especially pleased about the "Water 2000" celebration and what it stands for. I come from a rural part of the country, where many rural residents sometimes lack basic services such as potable water, that many Americans in more urban areas take for granted. This great accomplishment by the Hamilton County Water District, and all the agencies and individuals who worked to this goal, is one worthy of commemoration in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and a milestone for rural residents all over this country.

**TRIBUTE TO GENERAL ANDREW T. McNAMARA**

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 1999*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, General McNamara was the first Director of Defense Supply Agency (DSA, now DLA), 1961–1963. As Director, he distinguished himself as an innovator in developing ways to support the troops at the least cost to the taxpayer. His efforts in standardizing DSA managed items earned him the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the

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